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COMMAND ORGANIZATION - 1980

A. Commanding Officer:

USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67) was commanded by Captain Diego E. Hernandez, who relieved Captain Lowell R. Myers on 27 June 1980.

B. Location of Homeport:

Homeport for USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67) is Naval Base, Naval Station, Norfolk, Virginia.

C. Composition of Command:

I. Commander, Carrier Group TWO and Commander, Carrier Group Eight utilized USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67) as their flagship during 1980.

II. Carrier Air Wing ONE was USS JOHN F. KENNEDY's assigned airwing and was commanded by Captain J. B. Best. Captain Best relieved Commander D. P. March on 7 April 1980.

a. Air Wing ONE (1980):

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>Commanding Officer</u>
VAW 126	Commander G. M. Witzenburg
VA 46	Commander M. M. Kemple
VA 72	Commander C. B. Refo
VA 34	Commander B. K. McDanel
VS 32	Commander G. B. Rhodes
HS 11	Commander E. G. Moninger
VF 14	Commander J. H. Hawver, Jr.
VF 32	Commander D. L. McCrory
VAQ 138	Commander D. H. Krieger

1980 CHRONOLOGY

January

- 01-15 Moored starboard side Berth 4 Pier 5, Norfolk Naval Shipyard Portsmouth, Virginia.
- 15-18 Underway for Post Repair Trials II
- 18-31 Moored starboard side Berth 4 Pier 5, Norfolk Naval Shipyard Portsmouth, Virginia.

February

- 01-04 Moored starboard side Berth 4 Pier, Norfolk Naval Shipyard Portsmouth, Virginia.
- 04 Underway enroute Naval Base, Norfolk, Virginia.
- 04-11 Moored starboard side Pier 12, Naval Base, Norfolk, Virginia.
- 11-14 Underway for Independent Steaming Exercises (ISE) VACAPES
- 14-26 Moored starboard side Pier 12, Naval Base, Norfolk, Virginia.
- 21 VADM G. E. R. Kinnear, II, COMNAVAIRLANT presented the Golden Anchor Award for 1979.
- 25-27 MGEN D. L. Gray, USAF, Commandant Air War College, and 24 faculty members and students received for orientation visit.
- 26-28 Underway for Independent Steaming Exercises (ISE), VACAPES OPAREA
- 26-27 RADM R. F. Dunn, COMCARGRU 8, made an official visit.

March

- 01-06 Underway for Independent Steaming Exercises (ISE), Enroute Key West OPAREA.
- 07-12 Underway for Training Command Carrier Qualifications, Key West OPAREA.
- 12-13 Mr. F. Hamilton, American Legion National Commander, and Mr. N. Schlemmer received for orientation visit.
- 13-14 Honorable R. J. Murray, Under Secretary of the Navy, Captain N. G. Mosher, Mr. W. R. Pagen, Mr. J. M. Stone, Mr. J. L. Schoenith, and Mr. G. Byers, Jr. made an official visit.
- 13-16 Underway for Fleet Carrier Qualifications, Jacksonville OPAREA.
- 14-15 Five representatives from various media agencies received for orientation visit.
- 16 Six representatives of the advertising firm of Ted Bates and Company, Inc., received for orientation visit.
- 17-20 Moored starboard side Pier C-1 Naval Station, Mayport, Florida.
- 20-21 Underway enroute Guantanamo Bay OPAREA.
- 22-30 Underway for REFTRA, Guantanamo Bay OPAREA.
- 31 Underway enroute Jacksonville OPAREA.

April

01-03 Underway en route Naval Base, Norfolk, Virginia.
01-02 VADM G. E. R. Kinnear, II, COMNAVAIRLANT, Air Chief Marshall Sir Alasdair Steedman, Royal Air Force, and NATO representatives made an official visit.
03-28 Moored starboard side Pier 12, Naval Base, Norfolk, Virginia.
06 VADM G. E. R. Kinnear, II, COMNAVAIRLANT, arrived for Easter Sunrise Services.
09 Forty members of the Easter Plant Board, Virginia Department of Agriculture, received for orientation visit.
10 Department of Commerce National Defense Executive Reserve Training Session attendees received for orientation visit.
18 Sixteen members of the U. S. Army War College International Fellows received for orientation visit.
21 General Sverre L. B. Hamre, NOA, Chief of Defense, Norway, and Ms. Monique Hamilius, 1980 Azalea Queen, made an official visit.
26 Open House for the Azalea Festival.
28-07 Underway for Type Training I, VACAPES OPAREA.
(MAY)
28 RADM R. F. Dunn, COMCARGRU 8, embarked for Type Training I.
28- 29 Mr. J. Koehler, Deputy to the CDI for Resource Management, Captain Spoto, Naval Intelligence Command; and Captain P. D. Hoskins, CINCLANTFLT N2, received for orientation visit.
29-30 Honorable J. A. Doyle, Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower Reserve Affairs, and Logistics), received for orientation visit.

May

01-07 Underway for Type Training I, VACAPES OPAREA.
01-02 Honorable Dr. Herbert Rabin, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Applied and Space Technology), received for orientation visit.
02-03 RADM Williams, Material Officer, COMNAVAIRLANT, and son received for orientation visit.
03-05 Council on Foreign Relations, received for orientation visit.
05-06 RADM C. J. Youngblade (RET); Mr. R. W. Sarnoff, Chairman of the Board, Planning Research Corporation; Mr. W. F. Rockwell, Jr., Rockwell International Executive Committee Chairman; and Mr. C. V. Brokow, Invail Capital Chairman of the Board, received for an orientation visit.
08-15 Underway for Type Training II, Jacksonville OPAREA.
13 Participated in Exercise SOLID SHIELD 80.
16-26 Moored starboard side Pier 12, Naval Base, Norfolk, Virginia.
16 RADM R. F. Dunn, COMCARGRU 8, disembarked USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67)
19 RADM and Mrs. J. L. Butts (RET); RADM A. E. Hill (OP-953); and the Langley School Seventh Grade, received for orientation visit.

- 27-29 Underway for Type Training III, VACAPES OPAREA.
- 27 RADM J. E. Service, COMCARGRU 8, embarked USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67) for Type Training III and the Operational Readiness Evaluation.
- 29-04 Port Visit, Boston, Massachusetts.
- (JUN)
- 31 VADM T. J. Bigley, COMSECONDFLT, and the Honorable K. H. White, Mayor of Boston, made an official visit.

June

- 02 USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67) selected as the Secretary of the Navy, 1979 Energy Conservation Award winner.
- 05-13 Underway for Type Training III/COMPTUEX.
- 06 USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67) selected as the Secretary of the Navy, 1980 Ney Award winner.
- 10-13 Thirty enlisted first tour personnel, from Naval Station, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, received for orientation visit.
- 14-15 Underway enroute Puerto Rico OPAREA.
- 16-19 Conducted Operational Readiness Examination, Puerto Rico OPAREA.
- 20-24 Underway enroute Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Virginia.
- 24-29 Moored starboard side Berths 42 and 43, Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Virginia.
- (Jul)
- 24 RADM J. E. Service, COMCARGRU 8, disembarked USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67).
- 27 Captain D. E. Hernandez relieved Captain L. R. Myers as Commanding Officer, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67).

July

- 01-29 Moored Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Virginia.
- 29 Underway enroute Naval Operations Base, Norfolk, Virginia.
- 29-04 Moored starboard side Pier 12, Naval Base, Norfolk, Virginia.
- (Aug)
- 30 VADM G. E. R. Kinnear, II, COMNAVAIRLANT, presented the 1979 Engineering Battle "E" Award and the 1979 Golden Mike Award to USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67).

August

- 01-04 Moored starboard side Pier 12, Naval Base, Norfolk, Virginia.
- 04-07 Underway for REFTRA, VACAPES OPAREA.
- 08-16 Underway enroute 1980 Mediterranean deployment.
- 13 BGEN Erickson, Commander U. S. Forces, Azores, and VADM D. Silva Horta, Minister of the Republic of Azores, made an official visit.
- 14 KENNEDY/CVW-1 F-14's intercept Soviet TU-95D aircraft.
- 17 Anchored Malaga, Spain, port visit/turnover operations.
- RADM C. A. Easterling, Commander Task Force SIX ZERO, embarked aboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67) for the Mediterranean deployment.
- 18-21 Underway from Malaga, Spain for long range Combat Air Patrol (CAP) exercises in Western Mediterranean.

- 22-25 Anchored Toulon, France, port visit.
- 25 Honorable David E. Mann, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Mrs. Mann, Dr. Penhune, and LTCOL (b) (6) (Aide), received for orientation visit. Contre Admiral Degermann, FN (Admiral of Aircraft Carriers); Captain Caneau, FN (AERO Toulon); Captain Marqueze, FN (AERO Hyeres); Captain Regnault, FN (CO FS FOCH); and Captain Catard, FN (CO FS CLEMENCEAU), made an official visit.
- 25-28 Mr. Walter Mossberg, Wall Street Journal Defense Correspondent, received for orientation visit.
- 26-05 Underway from Toulon, France, en route operations Western Mediterranean.
- (Sep)
- 26-28 Conducted Dissimilar Air Combat Training (DACT) with French.
- 26-31 Conducted PROWLEX against French.
- 31-01 Five Norwegian Journalists and a member of the American Embassy, (Sep) Ankara, received for orientation visit.

September

- 02-03 Participated in DASIX 3-80, West of Corsica.
- 02-04 RADM B. Bell, COMSUBGRU EIGHT, made an official visit.
- 03-05 A Swiss television film team (Radio-Television Suisse Romande), received for orientation visit.
- 05-12 Anchored Naples, Italy, port visit/upkeep.
- 05 VADM W. Small, COMSIXTHFLT, made an official visit. ADM A. Monassi, IN, Commander, Naval Forces Southern Europe; His Excellency Sr. Tito Bondo, Prefect of Naples; and the Honorable Senator Maurizio Valenzi, Mayor of Naples, made an official visit.
- 09 VADM Moorner, CINCUSNAVEUR, made an official visit. Mayor of Pozzouli and thirty guests, received for orientation visit.
- 11 Six British Defense Specialists and Members of Parliament, with two members of the American Embassy, London, made an official visit.
- 13-15 Underway enroute operations in Tyrrhenian Sea.
- 15-17 Arrived Training Anchorage, Naples, Italy,
- 17 Six Icelandic political and media leaders with two members of the American Embassy, Reykjavik, received for orientation visit.
- 17-22 Underway en route Central Mediterranean for NATIONAL WEEK XXIX.
- 18 RADM R. J. Eustace, Vice Commander, Naval Electronics System Command; and RADM C. J. Moore, Program Manager C3 Systems, Naval Electronics System Command, made an official visit.
- 20 Eighteen members of the REFORGER/CRESTED CAP media group escorted by the USCINCEUR PAO and the COMSIXTHFLT PAO, received for orientation visit.
- 23 Arrived Training Anchorage, Augusta Bay, Sicily. VADM W. Small, COMSIXTHFLT; RADM W. D. Smith, Director, Naval Communications Division (OP-94); and RADM L. R. Myers, DEPCOMSTRIKFORSOUTH, made official visits.

24-25 Underway enroute Barcelona, Spain.
 24-25 Four Danish political leaders with a member of the American Embassy, Copenhagen, received for orientation visit.
 26-02 Anchored Barcelona, Spain, port visit.
 (Oct)
 25-26 Sr. Jose Maria Belloch, Civil Governor of Barcelona; Contra-Almirante Fernando Salas, Chief of the Cataluna Naval Sector; Sr. Francesc Marti, President of the Barcelona Deputation; BGEN Isabelino Caceres, Chief of the Fourth Region, Civil Guard; and two Spanish staff officers escorted by Mr. Albert Williams, U. S. Consul General, Barcelona, made an official visit.
 29 Sr. Jose Ma Cucurella, Honorary Irish Consul of Barcelona; Mrs. Ma Cucurrella; Mr. Albert Williams, American Consul General, Barcelona; Mrs. Williams; and nine Spanish guests, made an official visit.

October

01 Anchored Barcelona, Spain, port visit.
 01-03 Three members of the National Film Board of Canada, headed by Mr. G. Dyer, received for orientation visit.
 02-13 Underway in Western Mediterranean for participation in Exercise DISPLAY DETERMINATION 80.
 03-04 ADM W. Crowe, CINCSOUTH, made an official visit.
 05-06 CINCSOUTH Media Group, escorted by an AFSOUTH officer, received for orientation visit.
 06-07 Five members of Malone-Gill Productions received for orientation visit.
 12 RADM R. K. Fontaine, COMSERVGRU TWO, made an official visit.
 13 LTGEN Ahmed Badawi, Minister of Defense and War Production; VADM Mohamed Ali Mohamed, CINC Egyptian Navy; MGEN Ahmed Hegazi, Assistant Minister of Defense; and other made an official visit.
 14-18 Anchored Alexandria, Egypt, port visit.
 14 Thirty Defense Attaches (from various countries) and wives, escorted by CAPT D. Sperling, USN, U. S. Defense Attache, Cairo, received for orientation visit.
 VADM Mohamed Aly Mohamed, CINC, Egyptian Navy; MGEN Said Nabih, Commanding General, Northern Army Military Zone; His Excellency Naim Abu Taleb, Governor of Alexandria; and Mr. Walter McClelland, Consul General of Alexandria, made an official visit.
 17 VADM and Mrs. Mohamed Aly Mohamed; MGEN and Mrs. Mohamed Nabih; His Excellency and Mrs. Naim Abu Taleb; Dr. and Mrs. Mahmond Hadary; Mr. and Mrs. Walter McClelland; and CAPT and Mrs. David Sperling, made an official visit.
 18 Underway enroute Haifa, Israel.
 19-24 Anchored Haifa, Israel, port visit.
 19 LTGEN Eitan, Chief of Staff, Israeli Defense Forces; The Honorable Arie Gurel, Mayor of Haifa; RADM Ze'Ev Almog, CINC, Israeli Naval Forces; and others made an official visit.
 24-27 Underway enroute Athens, Greece.
 27-02 Anchored Athens, Greece, port visit.
 (Nov)

- 27 Commodore Athanasios Giokezas, HN, Senior Naval Officer Aegean and CAPT Dimitrios Iliades, HN, Pireaus harbor Master, made an official visit.
- 29 Ambassador Robert J. McCloskey U. S. Ambassador to Greece; RADM John Fakidis, Deputy Chief, Hellenic Naval General Staff; BGEN Panayiotis Moutzouridis, Chief of Police, Pireaus; Commodore Athanasios Giokezas, HN, Senior Naval Officer Aegean; CAPT Athanasios Kantas, Director, 2nd Staff Officer; CAPT Dimitrios Iliades, Pireaus Harbor Master; and Mr. John Tanasikis, Shore Patrol Liaison, made an official visit.

November

- 01-02 Anchored Athens, Greece.
- 01 Forty-five U. S. Foreign Service Officers arrived for FLAG FOCUS III Symposium.
- 02-06 Underway enroute Naples, Italy.
- 04-05 ADM Angelo Monassi, IN, Commander, Allied Naval Forces Southern Europe and LCDR Boeris-Clemens, IN, made an official visit.
- 05-06 Six members of the Belgian Parliament, escorted by a member of the American Embassy, Brussels, received for an orientation visit.
- 06-09 Anchored Naples, Italy, port visit/upkeep.
- 06 VADM G. E. R. Kinnear, II, COMNAVAIRLANT, and eleven staff members made an official visit.
- 07 Sixty International Officer Wives Club members (Naples), received for orientation visit.
- 10-15 Underway for Exercise POOPDECK enroute Palma de Mallorca, Spain.
- 11-15 A two-member film team from the American Forces Northern Europe, Television Network (AFNE-TV), received for orientation visit.
- 13-14 Five members of the U. S. - Spanish Combined Military Coordination and Planning Staff (CMCPS), Madrid, headed by RADM Sayre A. Swartzrauber and MGEN Francisco Carbonell, SA, made an official visit.
- 15-23 Anchored Palma de Mallorca, Spain, port visit.
- 20 Sr. Juan Moreno, Sr. Angel Gomez Labrador, and Sr. Jose Gomez Sanchez, with Sr. Tumi Bestard, American Consular Agent, Palma, made an official visit.
- 20-21 VADM J. D. Watkins, Vice Chief of Naval Operations; Mrs. Watkins CAPT R. Narmi, Executive Assistant; and YNC (b) (6) Flag Writer, made an official visit.
- 22-24 Six members of a CBS-TV film team headed by Correspondent Ed Bradley and Mr. Maurice Murad, Producer, received an orientation visit.
- 23-26 Underway for Refresher Training prior to returning to Palma de Mallorca, Spain.
- 26-02 Anchored Palma de Mallorca, Spain.
- (Dec)
- 25-26 Sr. Jacinto Balleste, Governor of Palma; Sr. Ramon Aeuilo, Mayor of Palma; Sr. Jaime Canudas, Vice President of the Public Council; Sr. Jaime Jimenez, Reporter for the newspaper,

Baleares; Sr. Jose McBarcelo, Reporter for the newspaper, Diario de Mallorca; and Sr. Tume Bestard, American Consular Agent, Palma, made an official visit.

- 26 USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67) notified of winning the Deck Battle "E" for 1980.
- 26-27 Eight members of the "1980 Miss America Show" arrived for a special visit.

December

- 01-02 Anchored Palma de Mallorca, Spain, port visit.
- 01 USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67) notified of winning the Silver Anchor Award for 1980.
- 01-03 Mr. Dan Boyle, Writer for the magazine, Interavia; Mr. Jean Degalard, Writer for the magazine, Air Et Cosmos; Mr. Michael Gaines, Writer for the magazine, Flight International; Mr. Lindsey Peacock, Writer for the magazine, Aviation News; Mr. David White, Writer for the magazine, The Hook; and Mr. Ruggero Stanglini, Writer for the magazine, JP4 Mensile de Aeronautica, received for orientation visit.
- 02-13 Underway for Joint Service Operations in the Central Mediterranean.
- 13 Anchored Naples, Italy port visit/upkeep.
- 13-20 RADM Kinnebrew, COMCRUDESGRU TWELVE, embarked aboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67).
- 14-20 Underway for PROWLEX, DASIX, LAFAYETTE, PHIBLEX 12-80, and a MISSILEX in the Tyrrhenian Sea.
- 20-31 Anchored Naples, Italy, port visit/upkeep.
- 20 Six Italian TV journalists received for orientation visit.
- 23 Rome area high school students received for orientation visit.
- 27 His Eminence Terence Cardinal Cooke, D.D., Military Vicar, made an official visit.

USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67) COMMAND HISTORY
NARRATIVE

1980 was an extremely busy, productive and gratifying year for the crew of USS JOHN F. KENNEDY, which began the year moored to the starboard side Berth 4, Pier 5, Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Virginia. The New Year was ushered in with a witty and all-inclusive poem written by AIMD's LT (b) (6):

On the first day of nineteen eighty
now on board this great lady,
readiness is logged to be
in the General, Fifth Degree.
The log must state one thing more,
the fact we are in Watch Condition Four.
We've spent nearly all last year
at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard pier.
Where a complex overhaul was plied,
to the yards berth (4), pier (5) we're tied.
Lest the Captain become too troubled,
our STBD Side's Moored - 12 Standard; Doubled.
And following the Ancient Seamen Tenants,
We've two breast lines and two Storm Pennants.
There are no boilers on the line,
since we're cold iron at this time.
Water, steam, and power are here,
because they're provided from the pier.
Logging who is SOPA is easy you know
'cause he's the John F. Kennedy's own CO.
To Log all ships present is the plan,
as the USS AMERICA, SAN DIEGO and SAIPAN.
To log them all would be quite a feat,
the rest are "various ships of the Second Fleet."
All requirements have now been met,
to log the fact that Yoke is set.
The following is logged, to wit:
All anchor and aircraft warning lights are lit.
Every member of the KENNEDY CLAN
are all determined to a man,
that in every exercise this year
to give our rivals much to fear.
We have never known defeat
the John F. Kennedy is hard to beat.

The verse set the tone for the year and echoed the feelings of all personnel assigned.

From 1-15 January, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY, prepared for Post Repair Trails (PRT) II. On 15 January, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY set the Special Sea and Anchor Detail, commencing PRT II in the VACAPES OPAREA. After successfully completing all exercises and drills, the ship returned to the starboard side Berth 4, Pier 5, Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth,

Enclosure (3)

Virginia, on 18 January. Major work remaining from the FY79 Complex Overhaul (COH), e.g., weapons elevator work, flight deck/hangar bay non-skid application and work on 4A Boiler, were completed during the 18 January - 4 February shipyard period.

USS JOHN F. KENNEDY, completed the 10 month COH on 4 February and departed Norfolk Naval Shipyard 9 days ahead of schedule enroute Pier 12, Naval Base, Norfolk, Virginia. With the early completion of the COH, CINCLANTFLT remarked, "Early completion noted with pleasure. Well done to all concerned." Thus, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY, began a comprehensive 39 day work-up schedule.

On 11 February, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY, set the Special Sea and Anchor Detail, commencing the first of two Independent Steaming Exercises (ISE). After conducting battle drills, standard training requirements, limited day flight operations for CVW-1, T-2 aircraft catapult compatibility trials and carrier qualifications for CAROLINE flight crews in the VACAPES OPAREA, the ship returned to Pier 12, Naval Base, Norfolk, on 14 February.

During the inport period (14 - 26 February), USS JOHN F. KENNEDY, was host to several distinguished visitors. On 21 February VADM G. E. R. Kinnear, II, Commander Naval Air Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet presented USS JOHN F. KENNEDY the 1979 Golden Anchor Award. MGEN D. L. Gray, USAF, Commandant Air War College and 24 student and faculty members put to sea with USS JOHN F. KENNEDY on the morning of 26 February. MGEN Gray was joined on 26 February by RADM Robert F. Dunn, Commander Carrier Group EIGHT.

USS JOHN F. KENNEDY got underway from Pier 12, on 26 February, for ISE in the VACAPES, Charleston, Jacksonville and Key West OPAREAs en route a 17 March port visit at Naval Station, Mayport, Florida. RADM Robert F. Dunn and MGEN D. L. Gary departed the ship the first day out. During ISE, clearance was issued for Mode IA, Mode II and Mode III ACLS operations; however, adverse weather and commitments to Training Command Carrier Qualifications, Fleet Carrier Qualifications and REFTRA precluded certification of Mode I.

USS JOHN F. KENNEDY spent the entire month of March away from homeport, Norfolk. Except for an afternoon picnic on the hook off Key West, Florida, a brief stop in Mayport, Florida, and two anchorages in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, the ship was underway. The worst non-seasonal storm the VACAPES OPAREA had ever seen, and the worst USS JOHN F. KENNEDY had ever weathered, struck in early March. The brunt of the storm lasted better than 24 hours, and the after portion of Elevator 2 could not be seen from the Bridge. The ship was hit by lightning four times. The shock caused a class C fire on the Bridge and shattered the Bridge window forward of the SPS radar station. Winds over the deck were in excess of 65 knots. Between 7 and 12 March, in the Key West OPAREA, 113 students and instructors under training were qualified during a highly successful Training Command Carrier Qualification period. This included 803 arrested landings and 100% of the services

requested. Equally impressive was the Fleet Carrier Qualifications in the Jacksonville OPAREA between 13-16 March. During the Fleet Carrier Qualifications, 38 pilots were qualified for day carrier operations and 21 pilots were qualified for day/night operations. A total of 406 day and 126 night arrested landings were completed. This included qualifying a Marine A-6 squadron in day carrier operations prior to their extended deployment to the Western Pacific. In addition to meeting 100% of the Training Command and Fleet commitments, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY provided 98 day and 69 night refresher landings for CVW-1 pilots who remained onboard during the above periods to maintain the required alert posture.

Subsequent to the Fleet Carrier Qualifications, the ship moored to Pier C-1, Naval Station, Mayport, Florida. Typically, outstanding crew discipline was displayed during the short inport period in Mayport.

USS JOHN F. KENNEDY departed Mayport on 20 March en route Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for REFTRA. During REFTRA, the ship and airwing Damage Control and Repair Party teams impressed Fleet Training Group instructors with the high degree of readiness following an extensive COH. REFTRA presented the first opportunity in 14 months for the ship and airwing to operate together. REFTRA was a total success exhibiting the enthusiasm and teamwork associated with the cohesive team of ship and airwing personnel. On 31 March, the ship was underway from the GTMO OPAREA enroute Naval Base, Norfolk. USS JOHN F. KENNEDY moored to Pier 12, Naval Base, Norfolk on 3 April.

VIP visits during March included Mr. F. Hamilton, American Legion National Commander, to observe flight operations on 12-13 March; Honorable R. J. Murray, Under Secretary of the Navy, for observation of flight operations on 13-14 March; 5 representatives from various media agencies to observe flight operations on 14-15 March; and 6 representatives of the advertising firm of Ted Bates and Company, Inc., to observe flight operations on 16 March.

The month of April was devoted to preparation for Type Training I and II. On 6 April, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY sponsored the Eleventh Annual Commander Naval Air Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet Easter Sunrise Service. Dr. S. David Chambers delivered the morning message and the Norfolk State University Choir provided special music for the service. At least 3,000 people attended this annual event. On 26 April, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY sponsored an open house for the Azalea Festival. Approximately 10,000 visitors were recorded. All were duly impressed with the various displays. Commander Carrier Group EIGHT, RADM R. F. Dunn, broke his flag aboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY on 7 April.

USS JOHN F. KENNEDY continued to be a consistently impressive host ship for national and international VIP visits. VIP visits during April included VDM G. E. R. Kinnear, II, COMNAVAIRLANT; Air Chief Marshall Sir Alasdair Steedman, Royal Air Force; and a large group of NATO representatives, on 1-2 April; VADM G. E. R. Kinnear, II, COMNAVAIRLANT participated in the Easter Sunrise Service on 6 April; 40 members of the

Eastern Plan Board, Virginia Department of Agriculture toured the ship on 9 April; Department of Commerce National Defense Executive Reserve Training Session Attendees toured the ship on 10 April; sixteen members of the U. S. Army War College International Fellows visited on 18 April; GEN Sverre L. B. Harne, NOA, Chief of Defense, Norway, and Ms. Monique Hamilius, 1980 Azalea Queen toured the ship on 21 April; Mr. J. Koehler, Deputy to the CDI for Resource Management visited on 28-29 April; Honorable J. A. Doyle, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Manpower, Reserve Affairs, and Logistics, toured the ship on 29-30 April.

On 28 April, the ship departed Norfolk for Type Training I, II and exercise SOLID SHIELD 80 in the VACAPES and Jacksonville OPAREAs. During Type Training I and II, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY's ability to perform assigned tasks was outstanding. On 16 May, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY moored at Pier 12, Naval Base, Norfolk, and RADM R. F. Dunn, Commander Carrier Group EIGHT, hauled down his Flag aboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY.

VIP visits during May included the Honorable Dr. Herbert Rabin, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy, who observe flight operations on 1-2 May; RADM Williams, Material Officer, COMNAVAIRLANT, toured the ship on 2-3 May; the Council on Foreign Relations, observed flight operations on 2-5 May; RADM C. J. Youngblade (RET), Mr. R. W. Sarnoff, Mr. W. F. Rockwell, Jr., and Mr. C. V. Brokow, toured the ship with the Langley School seventh grade on 19 May.

RADM J. E. Service, Commander Carrier Group EIGHT, broke his Flag aboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY on 27 May, as the ship got underway from Pier 12, Naval Base, enroute Boston, Massachusetts. The ship moored at Boston's South Station on 29 May, for OPSAIL 80, and received a very warm reception from the people of Boston. USS JOHN F. KENNEDY's hosting of more than 341,000 visitors onboard and the crew's redundant conduct ashore were instrumental in instilling a positive impression of the U.S. Navy on the people of Boston. Local officials reported USS JOHN F. KENNEDY's presence created more public interest than the Tall Ships docked nearby. Boston police also reported zero liberty incidents involving U. S. Navy personnel during the entire 7 day span. USS JOHN F. KENNEDY's commendable performance in the OPSAIL 80 festivities led Commander SECOND Fleet to remark, "Congratulations on your superlative performance in Boston...Your contributions in telling of and, more importantly, showing your professionalism did much to enhance the prestige of the Navy and especially Navy personnel". VIP's hosted during OPSAIL 80 included VADM T. J. Bigley, Commander SECOND Fleet; Honorable K. H. White, Mayor of Boston; and various members of the Kennedy family.

Boston's OPSAIL 80 was an outstanding display of patience and hospitality on the part of the citizens of Boston and the crew of the USS JOHN F. KENNEDY.

USS JOHN F. KENNEDY got underway on 5 June for Type Training III and the Operational Readiness Evaluation in the Puerto Rican OPAREA. USS JOHN F. KENNEDY participated in COMPTUEX 4-80 during Type Training III, providing an excellent opportunity for CV task group operations. With

regard to USS JOHN F. KENNEDY's participation in COMPTUEX 4-80, Commander Task Force TWENTY-ONE commented, "COMPTUEX 4-80, has been a highly successful exercise... resulting in considerable dividends to Fleet and individual readiness."

USS JOHN F. KENNEDY was notified in June that she had won the prestigious Secretary of the Navy Energy Conservation Award for supremacy in all categories of energy conservation, including awareness, planning, innovation, training and efficiency in use of equipment. The ship also received the Edward F. Ney Memorial Award for the best Enlisted Dining Facility for the large afloat category. In reference to the awards, RADM Fuller, Commander Carrier Group FOUR, remarked, "Once again USS JOHN F. KENNEDY leads the Fleet! Your winning of the Secretary of the Navy Energy Award for large ships...and others such as the recently granted Ney Award, demonstrates undeniably that JFK practices what she preaches - KENNEDY cares!"

The Operational Readiness Evaluation (ORE) was conducted 16-19 June, and was comprised of a postulated threat scenario, numerous ship and airwing graded exercises, and written examinations of airwing and ship's personnel. On 16 June, the ship experienced a boiler flareback casualty requiring eventual replacement of 2A and 2B uptakes from the 01 Level to the 011 Level. The casualty did not hinder USS JOHN F. KENNEDY's performance, as the ship completed the ORE with flying colors. Upon completion of the ORE, the ship was underway en route Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, for emergency shipyard repairs.

USS JOHN F. KENNEDY moored Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, on 24 June. RADM J. E. Service, Commander Carrier Group EIGHT, hauled down his Flag aboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY on 24 June.

On 27 June, CAPT D. E. Hernandez relieved CAPT L. R. Myers as Commanding Officer, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY, in a change of command ceremony conducted on the Flight Deck. VIP's in attendance included the Honorable Edward Hildago, Secretary of the Navy; the Honorable Robert J. Murray, Under Secretary of the Navy; The Honorable Baltazar Corrada, Commissioner for Puerto Rico; and the Honorable Juan H. Clintron, Secretary of Commerce for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

USS JOHN F. KENNEDY completed emergency shipyard repairs in record time and, on 29 July, transited to Pier 12, Naval Base, Norfolk. VADM G. E. R. Kinnear, II, Commander Naval Air Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, arrived on 30 July, to present the 1979 Golden Mike Award for managing the most effective internal communications program aboard an Atlantic Fleet aircraft carrier and the 1979 Battle "E" Engineering Award. After final preparations for the 1980 Mediterranean deployment, the ship departed Pier 12, Naval Base, Norfolk, on 4 August.

A 4 day refresher period, in the VACAPES OPAREA, preceded the transit. The transit was unique in that the transit group consisted of only the USS JOHN F. KENNEDY and the USS CONOLLY. A self-generated TAB

provided maximum training in all warfare areas. Open ocean flight operations, successful Soviet TU-95D reconnaissance intercepts, frequent destroyer refueling practice and use of EMCON procedures resulted in a high readiness posture upon Mediterranean INCHOP. Two distinguished visitors spent 13 August onboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY. Receiving a warm welcome were BGEN Erickson, Commander U. S. Forces, Azores; and VADM D. Silva Horta, Minister of the Republic of Azores. The reception they received prompted BGEN Erickson to remark, "The professionalism of the Captain and men of the KENNEDY provided these leaders of our good ally, Portugal, with a far greater appreciation of American sea and naval air power than they had before... They were hosted in the best tradition of the U. S. Navy."

On 17 August, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY arrived at Malaga, Spain, and conducted a turnover with USS SARATOGA. RADM C. A. Easterling, Commander Task Force SIX ZERO, broke his Flag aboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY for the Mediterranean deployment.

USS JOHN F. KENNEDY was underway from Malaga on 17 August, for a long range Combat Air Patrol (CAP) exercise enroute Toulon, France. At the conclusion of the exercise, the ship anchored at Toulon on 22 August. On 25 August, The Honorable David E. Mann Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Mrs. Mann, Dr. Penhune and LTCOL (b) (6) visited the ship. Other distinguished guests on 25 August included Contre Admiral Degerman, FN, Admiral of Aircraft Carriers; CAPT Caneau, FN, Aero Toulon; CAPT Marqueze, FN, Aero Hyeres; CAPT Regnault, FN, Commanding Officer of FS FOCH; CAPT Catard, FN, Commanding Officer of FS CLEMENCEAU; and Mr. Walter Mossberg, Pentagon Correspondent, Wall Street Journal.

Between 26 August and 5 September, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY was underway from Toulon for operations in the Western Mediterranean enroute Naples, Italy. During the at-sea period, the ship conducted DACT and a PROWLEX against the French, and participated with the French in DASIX 3-80. DASIX 3-80 was an effective coordinated training exercise with the French Air Force involving large scale strike planning and execution. Distinguished visitors aboard included RADM B. Bell, Commander Submarine Group EIGHT; five Norwegian journalists; and three members of a Swiss television film team. RADM Bell sent a letter of appreciation stating, "The professionalism displayed by air group operations, ship's force personnel and the cleanliness/material conditions of your ship enhance my already healthy respect for carriers and singles out JFK as tops."

On the morning of 5 September, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY anchored at Naples, Italy, to commence an eight day port visit. VIP's hosted while in Naples included VADM W. Small, Commander SIXTH Fleet; ADM A. Monassi, IN, Commander, Naval Forces Southern Europe; His Excellency Sr. Tito Biondo, Prefect of Naples; The Honorable Senator Maurizio Valenzi, Mayor of Naples; VADM Moorner, Commander in Chief United States Navy Europe; the Mayor of Pozzuoli, Italy; and six members of the British Parliament.

USS JOHN F. KENNEDY was underway on 13 September for three days of operations and then returned to Naples for a two day training anchorage on 15 September. The ship sortied from Naples on 17 September, en route the Central Mediterranean for NATIONAL WEEK XXIX and a SINKEX. During NATIONAL WEEK XXIX, emphasis was placed on total EMCON and OTH/EX targeting procedures in conjunction with SSSC techniques. Real World considerations, however, considerably affected the exercise. The Libyan Arab Air Force reacted with an unprecedented number of fighter sorties in the vicinity of the USS JOHN F. KENNEDY Battle Group in international waters. On 19 September, two Libyan sections were intercepted, while on 20 and 21 September, a total of six sections and eighteen sections, respectively, were intercepted. All Libyan aircraft were intercepted by F-14's under E-2 control. During the SINKEX on 21-22 September, A-6 and A-7 aircraft, using the hunter-killer concept, demonstrated the ability of airborne assets to join and conduct small scale coordinated strikes against surface targets.

USS JOHN F. KENNEDY anchored at Augusta Bay on 23 September for a training anchorage exercise and a postexercise conference. VADM W. Small, Commander SIXTH Fleet; RADM W. D. Smith, Director, Naval Communications Division (OP-94); and RADM L. R. Myers, Deputy Commander Strike Force South, were among the many distinguished guests who attended the conference.

USS JOHN F. KENNEDY was underway from Augusta Bay on 24 September enroute Barcelona, Spain. Distinguished visitors during this at-sea period included four Danish political leaders. The ship anchored at Barcelona, Spain on 26 September, after completing two days of rigorous flight operations. VIP's hosted aboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY in Barcelona included Sr. Jose Maria Belloch, Civil Governor of Barcelona; Contra-Almirante Fernando Salas, Chief of the Cataluna Naval Sector; Sr. Francesc Marti, President of the Barcelona Deputation; BGEN Isabelino Caceres, Chief of the Fourth Region, Civil Guard; Sr. Jose Ma Cucurella, Honorary Irish Consul of Barcelona; Mr. Albert Williams, American Consul General, Barcelona, and three members of the National Film Board of Canada.

After a very pleasant stay in Barcelona, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY sortied on 2 October to participate in Exercise DISPLAY DETERMINATION 80 en route Alexandria, Egypt. Following Barcelona, RADM Easterling, Commander Task Force SIX ZERO, commended the crew's performance ashore, "...The exemplary conduct is indicative of fine leadership and a proud crew." Exercise DISPLAY DETERMINATION was the major event of October and included joint combined raids in Italy, DACT against FS CLEMENCEAU aircraft and war-at-sea strikes. MINEX training was improved by developing and practicing an open ocean mining technique. On 3-4 October, the ship was host to Commander in Chief Allied Forces Southern Europe. VADM Crowe observed day and night flight operations, met with various crew members of the ship and airwing, and addressed the crew live via CCTV. He was visibly impressed with the professionalism and speed he observed on the Flight Deck, and he commented that the quality of today's sailor and the demands placed upon him exceeded anything he

could imagine. VADM Crowe said he was proud to be part of a navy that included men like these. The Admiral's personal contact with the crew (handshakes and thanks) while touring the spaces was especially well received. A Commander in Chief Allied Forces Southern Europe media group arrived on 5 October, and five members of Malone-Gill Productions visited on 6 October. RADM Fontain, Commander Service Group TWO, arrived on 12 October.

USS JOHN F. KENNEDY was host to many distinguished Egyptian military officials on 13 October, including LTGEN Ahmed Badawi, Minister of Defense and War Production; VADM Mohamed Aly Mohamed, Commander in Chief, Egyptian Navy; MGEN Said Hamdi, Commander in Chief, Air Defense Forces; and MGEN Said Nabih, Commanding General, Northern Army Military Zone. All witnessed an impressive air show performed by the airwing. USS JOHN F. KENNEDY anchored at Alexandria, Egypt, the morning of 14 October, and was visited by VADM Mohamed Aly Mohamed, Commander in Chief, Egyptian Navy; MGEN Said Nabih, Commanding General, Northern Army Military Zone; His Excellency Naim Abu Taleb, Governor of Alexandria; and Mr. Walter McClelland, Consul General, Alexandria. On 17 October, VADM and Mrs. Mohamed Aly Mohamed; MGEN and Mrs. Mohamed Nabih; His Excellency and Mrs. Naim Abu Taleb; Dr. and Mrs. Mahmoud Hadary; Mr. and Mrs. Walter McClelland; and CAPT and Mrs. David Sperling, USN, visited the USS JOHN F. KENNEDY. In reference to USS JOHN F. KENNEDY's visit, Mr. Walter McClelland, Consul General, Alexandria, remarked, "Alexandrians were impressed...delighted and 'taken' with the fine officers and men of the SUPER K and escorting ships. The conduct of the personnel ashore was outstanding." Alexandria was a unique and interesting port call for the KENNEDY crew, who continued to broaden their reputation as ambassadors of goodwill.

USS JOHN F. KENNEDY was underway on the morning of 18 October for a one day transit to Haifa, Israel. The ship anchored at Haifa, Israel on the morning of 19 October for a five day port call. The local Tourism Ministry Office arranged for 240 KENNEDY sailors to visit homes in Haifa as guests of the local populace, and arranged an Israeli folklore performance aboard the ship. In reciprocation the USS JOHN F. KENNEDY hosted approximately 1,000 visitors. Each event contributed to a very favorable impression of SIXTH Fleet Navy personnel. On 19 October, several distinguished guests, including LTGEN Eitan, Chief of Staff, Israeli Defense Forces; The Honorable Arie Gurel, Mayor of Haifa; RADM Ze'Ev Almog, Commander in Chief, Israeli Naval Forces; Commodore Eli Rahv, Commanding Officer, Haifa Naval Base; Mr. William Brown, Deputy Chief of Mission; COL Peter Hoag, USAF, Defense Attache, Tel Aviv; and CDR (b) (6), U. S. Naval Attache, Tel Aviv, visited the ship.

The ship was underway 24 October, in transit to a 27 October port call at Athens, Greece. During the three day transit, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY conducted an open ocean MINEX on 24 October, and participated in joint service operations on 26 October. USS JOHN F. KENNEDY anchored at Athens, Greece, on the morning of 27 October. On 27 October, the ship welcomed Commodore Athanasios Giokezas, HN, Senior Naval Officer Aegean and CAPT Dimitrios Iliades, HN, Pireaus Harbor Master. Ambassador

Robert J. McCloskey, U. S. Ambassador to Greece; RADM John Fakidis, Deputy Chief, Hellenic Naval General Staff; BGEN Panayiotis Moutzouridis, Chief of Police, Pireaus; Commodore Athanasios Giokezas, HN, Senior Naval Officer Aegean; CAPT Athanasios Kantas, Director, 2nd Staff Officer; CAPT Dimitrios Iliades, Pireaus Harbor Master; and Mr. John Tanasikis, Shore Patrol Liaison, arrived on 29 October for a visit. On 1 November, fourteen U. S. Foreign Service Officers arrived for a FLAG FOCUS II symposium.

USS JOHN F. KENNEDY departed on 2 November for operations in the Central Mediterranean enroute Naples, Italy. USS JOHN F. KENNEDY's hospitality was extended to a special visitor, ADM Angelo Monassi, IN, Commander, Allied Naval Forces Southern Europe, when he visited the ship on 4-5 November. On 5-6 November, six members of the Belgian Parliament were treated to USS JOHN F. KENNEDY's usual outstanding hospitality, which prompted VADM Ronald J. Hays, Commander in Chief, U. S. Naval Forces Europe, to remark, "Congratulations to all hands for a job well done." The ship anchored at Naples, Italy on the morning of 6 November.

In Naples, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY made preparations for Exercise POOPDECK. VADM G. E. R. Kinnear, II, Commander Naval Air Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, arrived on 6 November for an official visit. On 7 November, 60 members of the International Officer Wives Club (Naples) arrived for an orientation visit. USS JOHN F. KENNEDY sortied Naples on 10 November for Exercise POOPDECK en route Palma de Mallorca, Spain.

Exercise POOPDECK was conducted during 10-13 November and provided excellent training in overland and at-sea scenarios. The airwing received valuable training during low level strikes and while performing DACT with USAF F-15's and F-4's. ASW interplay resulted in significant training for the VS and HS squadrons. Special guests aboard for the at-sea period included a two member film team from the American Forces Northern Europe Television Network and five members of the U. S. - Spanish Combined Military Coordination and Planning Staff, Madrid, headed by RADM Sayre A. Swartzrauber and MGEN Francisco Carbonel, SA.

On the morning of 15 November, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY anchored at Palma de Mallorca, Spain, to commence a two week port visit which was highlighted by the dependents' charter flight, which brought many loved ones to Spain from the United States for a mid-cruise stand down allowing KENNEDY sailors to go home on leave as well. USS JOHN F. KENNEDY continued to play host to many distinguished visitors. A visitor on 20-21 November was VADM J. D. Watkins, Vice Chief of Naval Operations. Visiting on 22-24 November included six members of a CBS-TV film team headed by Correspondent Ed Bradley. The ship was underway for three days of refresher training on 23 November and returned to Palma de Mallorca on 26 November. On 25-26 November, Sr. Jacionto Balleste, Governor of Palma; Sr. Ramon Aguilo, Mayor of Palma; Sr. Jaime Canudas, Vice President of the Public Council; Sr. Jaime Jimenez, reporter for the newspaper, Baleares; Sr. Jose McBarcelo, reporter for the newspaper, Diario de Mallorca; and Sr. Tume Bestard, American Consular Agent, Palma, arrived for a visit. On 26-27 November, eight members of the 1980 Miss America Show received a warm welcome and

performed for the crew on the Hangar Bay. On 26 November, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY was notified of winning the Deck Battle "E" for the competitive FY80 award. USS JOHN F. KENNEDY set sail once again on 2 December.

After departing Palma de Mallorca, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY resumed rigorous cyclic flight operations in the Western Mediterranean en route Joint Service Operations in the Central Mediterranean. On 1 December, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY was notified of winning her third Silver Anchor Award. The ship returned to Naples, Italy, on 13 December, for a one day training anchorage in preparation for exercises LAFAYETTE, PROWLEX, DASIX 4-80, all on 15-16 December, and a MISSILEX on 17 December. USS JOHN F. KENNEDY served as Flagship for RADM Kinnebrew, Commander Cruiser Destroyer Group TWELVE, from 13-20 December. Following PHIBLEX 12-80 on 17-19 December, in which the airwing conducted close air support using live ordnance at Capo Tuelada, Sardinia, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY arrived at Naples, Italy, on 20 December and celebrated Christmas and New Year's Eve in port. On 27 December, His Eminence Terence Cardinal Cooke, D. D., Military Vicar, was flown aboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY while in port Naples. The Cardinal, Chaplain (b) (6), CDR, USN, and various other Chaplains from the surrounding area conducted a Mass in Hangar Bay ONE. Approximately 300 Officers and men attended the service. Upon completion of the Mass, Cardinal Cooke spoke with many of the officers and men in attendance, and then proceeded to the Enlisted Dining Facility to have lunch with crew members.